

Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of 2021. There is a lot to pack in this half term including a Lantern Parade, a BBC Children in Need Dance, a Remembrance Parade, sporting events, trips, a morning where the Y6 children takeover the school and much much more. Please take the time to read this newsletter so you are up to speed with all that is happening in school.

In addition this newsletter also details the most recent guidance on Covid and isolation. We continually strive to ensure we can be as Covid safe as possible whilst returning to the normal running of the school. We have been very fortunate thus far in only having a small number of cases and none have been classed as an 'outbreak' from school, long may it continue.

Thank you to you all for attending the recent 'Meet the Teacher' event. There was a lovely feeling in school and it was lovely to have parents back. I hope you all enjoyed the evening and indeed the food tasting too!

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick

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Lantern Making & Parade



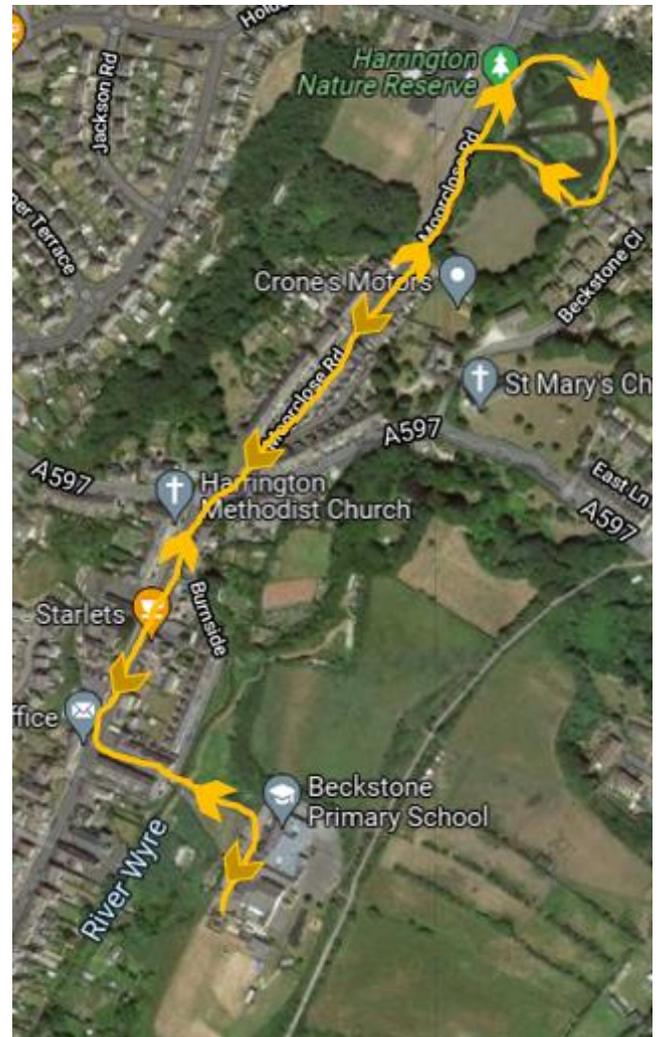
There will be a lantern parade at 6pm on Thursday 4th November from school round the Nature Reserve on Moorclose Road and back to school (see route map alongside). Pupils taking part will need to be at school by 5.45pm and can be collected/walk home from school after the parade (approximately 6.45pm).

The parade will be comprised of children from Years 5 and 6, some of whom will lead the parade with musical instruments followed by our lanterns. The lanterns all represent 'pollinators' as the parade is in conjunction with Workington Nature Partnership and their 'Get Buzzin'' encouraging pollination initiative. Children are invited to take part with torches, lanterns or musical instruments. Pupils taking part in the parade will need coats (there are candles in the parade and adequate precautions will be taken but coats should also be fire retardant) and their hair tied back if they have long hair.

We would very much welcome supporters on the route and would like to invite children from all other years to line the route and to bring torches, battery lanterns etc. to be part of the experience.

The whole event is being filmed by Haltwhistle films and will be shown as an example of a community working together to encourage wildlife and have fun!

Our thanks for what promises to be a spectacular event go to Susan Cammish, a Workington Nature Partnership Ranger and Di Larfynne, the artist behind the willow and tissue paper lanterns.



Remembrance Parade

The school will also be joining in another parade, the Harrington Remembrance Parade in the morning of the 14th November. The Parade will leave the British Legion at 9.15am and arrive at Church at 10am for a service and then a commemoration at the Cenotaph afterwards. We will soon be looking for pupil volunteers to represent the school on this historic occasion. Mrs Beecroft, Ms McKeating and Mrs Holliday have all kindly volunteered to lead the Parade for the school. Further details will be issued very soon to those involved. Again please feel free to support them as they parade along the streets.





BBC Children in Need Dance



Friday 5th November

Please can children come to school
In a t-shirt of their assigned colour:

EYFS – Light Blue
KS1 – Red
LKS2 – White
UKS2 – Dark Blue

BBC production team will be at Beckstone recording the whole school dancing to 'By Your Side' – Calvin Harris

this will be one of the events shown on the evening of

BBC Children in Need night.

Beckstone non-uniform day to support Children in Need will be

Friday 19th November 2021

Children in Need Dance

The information needed for Friday's dance is above. The school is being filmed by the BBC for its Children in Need programming and the footage may be used either locally or indeed nationally. We want to make a good impression so have been practising the dance (please use the Tapestry/Seesaw slides to support your children in learning the dance ahead of Friday). Our thanks go to Ms Forster who choreographed the dance. It is looking really good, a bit like a flash mob when we do it in assembly and it has a real good feeling factor for both pupils and staff. The addition of the colours as described above will really add to the effect.

If your child doesn't have a T-shirt of the colour needed please don't worry, we have T-shirts in school that they can wear on the day by swapping the shirts over.

Police Dog

We had 2 very special visitors in assembly in mid-October. A new Police Labrador puppy and Sgt Aiden Bew to the school last week.

The school was invited to name the new Police dog as a 'Thank You' for its support of the local community. This really excited the children and each class had discussions and a vote for their favourite name. Some

of the suggestions focused on the police and the dog's role like Bobby or Chase. Some were related to the dog's colour, names like Toffee, Fudge and Peanut were put forward. We had some totally random names as well, like Fishing Rod!

The winning name, chosen by the Police, was 'Beck'. This was the chosen name of class 3JWa and they chose this because it was the start of the name 'Beckstone'. The winning class received a treat and a photo with the dog.



All the children (and staff!) that wanted to were allowed to stroke the dog on the way out of assembly.



A spokesperson for Cumbria police said:

"Beckstone Primary School was chosen due to it being a community school and having strong links within the Allerdale community. The headteacher, David Warbrick, and all the staff at Beckstone have been extremely accommodating in helping the community during the pandemic and beyond."

"The opportunity arose to seek assistance in naming one of the constabulary's dogs, which is located in West Cumbria. The school was invited to be involved to say thank you for all that they have done for the community. Each class got to pick a name and then the constabulary's puppy walker family, who is currently caring for Beck, chose from this selection."

Further photos of the event can be seen in the film and photo gallery on our web site, Parent Info>Film & Photo Gallery or by following this QR code.



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November Charities

November is typically a month where there are numerous charitable events and requests in advance of Christmas. We recognise also that times are hard and are striving to keep any financial requests to a minimum and to make them totally voluntary.

There will be the facility to make donations on ParentPay to Children in Need if you so wish, there will be a non-uniform day on that day (19th November) but there is no set fee to pay and no-one will ask children if they have paid.

There will be poppies for sale from today (1st November) up until the 11th November. We are suggesting a minimum donation of 20p for a poppy and there are also other items for sale at prices up to a £1. Poppies and the other items will be on sale at the front and back gates only. If children wish to purchase any items parents can buy at the front on Mrs Rosser's table or at the back gate and KS2 children who bring money can purchase there too.



In addition to the poppy sales, all money taken will go to the Royal British Legion. There will also be sales of Pudsey badges from Monday 8th November up to Friday 19th November (Children in Need Day), again at the gates. These are 'eco-friendly' badges and whilst they may look plastic they are made of bio-degradable material. All money from these badges will go to Children in Need so this can be counted as your donation. The badges, costing £1 represent Pudsey and Blush and are limited in stock so the earlier purchased the more likelihood of getting a first choice.





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Meet the Teacher 'Drop In's



for your support and given the restrictions over the past 18 months+ hopefully this event has enabled you to picture your child in school.

We received a lot of positive feedback from this event and the children were so proud and delighted at showing their parents their classroom and their work. Thank you

The next round of parent events is for Early Years parents with 'Come & Play' sessions in the week beginning the 22nd November. These are a chance to see your child in their learning environment and learn alongside them. These will be followed up by further Come & Play sessions in the Spring, a more formal progress meeting and then finally a meeting in the Summer to discuss your child's report.

In the main school the next event will be a formal parents' evening on the 23rd or 24th of February where a progress report will be shared at the half way point of the school year. This will be followed up with an end of year report in July.

Forest School & Wellies



As the ground is getting muddier it is important children have alternative outdoor footwear as classes are continuing their lessons and outdoor learning in our forest area. Wellies etc. can be kept in lockers in plastic bags.



We would also very much welcome any donations of wellies that have been outgrown as there are children who don't have any or forget them. Thank you in advance if you can help with this.

Further Macmillan Fund Raising

In addition to the money raised in school some of our pupils were integral to further fund raising for Macmillan at Seaton Rugby Club on the last Sunday before half term. They raised an astonishing £812 which was absolutely amazing and well done to Mac & Logan in Year 5 and Maisy in Reception.

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As part of the 'Meet the Teacher' evening hopefully you all got a chance to taste a sample of school meals in the Dining Hall. Hopefully you were impressed and the range of 5 choices daily should cater for every taste. We would strongly urge you to take school meals as they adhere to national nutritional guidelines so are an investment in a healthier future for your child.



Changing from packed lunches to school meals is easy...simply contact the School Office. At this time of year, as the days get colder and it is harder and harder to keep the school warm and also provide the ventilation that the Covid guidelines require, a hot meal is undoubtedly the best option (please note that for H&S reasons thermos hot lunches...soups etc are not allowed in school).



Christmas 2021

For safety reasons due to Covid we are moving the Christmas Fair online like last year and will not be hosting a crowded event.

As a result we will have a main school large raffle with some amazing prizes. Each Stage will be putting a large hamper packed full of goodies so there will be 4 hampers altogether. As a result **we would very much welcome a donation to these hampers** e.g. chocolate, a bottle of something, toys etc.



Nearer the time we will also be selling reindeer dust and hot chocolate stocking fillers amongst other things.

Finally every Stage is producing a 2022 Calendar which will include your child in their birthday month. They are great fun and would make lovely Christmas presents for friends/relatives etc.

All items will be available through ParentPay, please support them as best you can as the Christmas Fair was historically the main fund raiser for our funding supporter, 'Friends at Beckstone'.



In addition the following events should be taking place:

- Community Carol Singing at various venues
- A Nursery Nativity on Tuesday 7th December 9.30am
- A Reception Nativity on Wed 8th December at 9.30am
- Christmas Dinner Day on Thursday 9th December
- A Y3&4 Carol Service at the Church on Monday 13th December at 2pm
- A Y5&6 Carol Service at the Church on Tuesday 14th December at 2pm
- A Christmas Party Day on Wednesday 15th December

We are hoping to organise a community carol singing event around the tree in Harrington however due to rising Covid levels this will stay under review until nearer the time.

Finally to reduce potential Covid spread there will sadly be no Christmas cards allowed in school again this year.

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Fab Meeting

The next Friends at Beckstone/PTA meeting will take place at 3.30pm on Thursday 18th November. The meeting will further look into Christmas fund raising ideas and will also look at further events as the year goes on. New members are always welcome and free Beckstone Xtra places are available for those attending provided they are booked in advance.

Circuits



'Circuits Days' will take place each half term this school year. They will be on a Thursday or a Friday depending on the day your child has their PE session. As they are now coming to school in PE Kits on those days anyway

there is no need for different clothing on these days. The dates are on the back of the newsletter and the next ones are at the start of December.

Takeover Morning

The Children's Commissioner encourages schools to allow its pupils to 'run' their establishments to give a taster of responsibility and accountability. These sessions give Y6 children an exciting insight into the working life of adults at the school. Due to Covid these have not taken place recently and this year there is a gradual re-introduction with the morning of the 26th November as the time when the Year 6 children will take over the running of the school. This will involve children welcoming EY & KS1 children, taking assembly, taking lessons, working in the Office, working in the Canteen etc.



ParentPay® Food & Drink

- School meals cost £12 per week or £2.40 a day payable on ParentPay
- Milk is vital for growing children as it strengthens bones and teeth. Children in Reception and Nursery are entitled to free milk as are children who are eligible for free school meals and clothing vouchers (not the universal free meal for all FS & KS1 children). The cost of milk for the THIS half term is £9.00 and needs to be paid by **THIS Friday, 5th November via ParentPay NOT cash or cheque.** If you need help with this please see the School Office. Due to the administrative burden of checking attendance and the inability to change the order daily unfortunately milk money cannot be refunded for absence.



- Snack money for Nursery and Reception is also paid by ParentPay and is also due THIS Friday, 5th November, the cost is £7
- Fruit tuck shop money from Year 1 up is again also paid this way, £7 for this half term by THIS Friday 5th November



Give Blood – Help Save a Life!



Giving blood to support others is a wonderful selfless act that helps fellow citizens. Who knows, a member of your family may rely on someone else's blood donations to save their life at some point.

The next donor session you can book online is Tuesday 9th November from 3pm to 7pm at Energus, Lillyhall. You can book an appointment online.

Do something worthwhile and save someone's life

Further details and booking details can be found at www.blood.co.uk



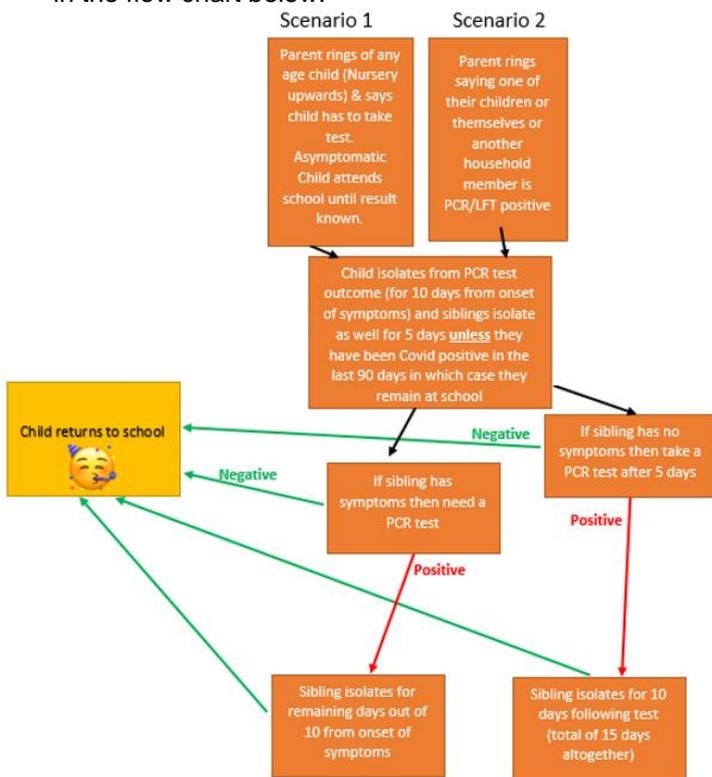


Latest Covid Update

The responsibility for following up positive Covid cases lies with NHS track and trace and not with schools. As a result, unless there is what is classed as an 'Outbreak' there will be no class sent home unless directed to the school under Public Health guidance if there is an 'Outbreak'.

Please note however that the school has procedures it follows that are agreed with Public Health. The advice changes regularly and the details of the current courses of action are described below however in a nutshell if there is a positive case in a household then all children need to isolate for 5 days and then have a PCR test and if negative the children can return to school. The only exception is if a child had already had Covid they don't need to isolate.

The details of this approach to help address the continuing high levels of Covid in the area can be seen in the flow chart below.



Please also have contingency child care plans at the ready as schools have been advised to send pupils home if they are displaying Covid symptoms (see below). A Covid Summary is available in the 'News & Events' section of our web site



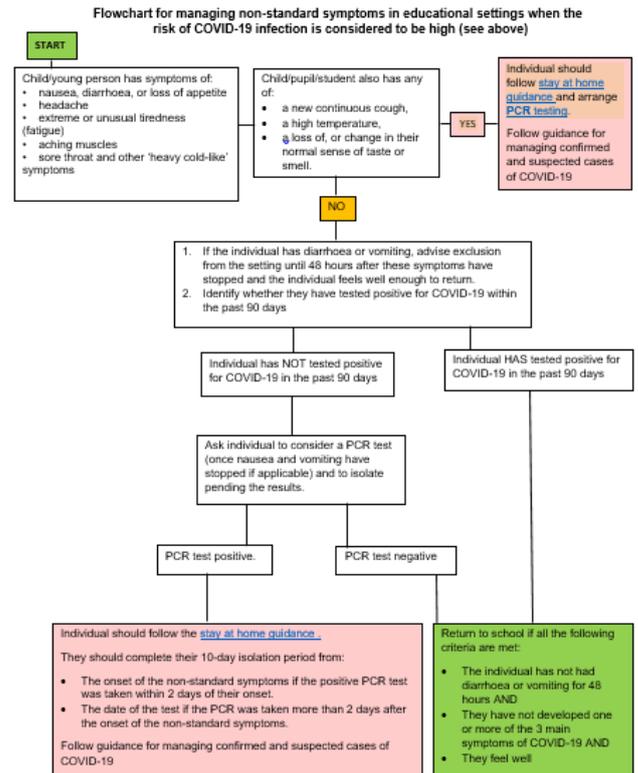
http://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/news_and_events/covid-alerts.html

What are the Symptoms of Covid?

There is a simple video that explains what to look for with regard to Covid symptoms as compared to other illnesses. It can be seen by clicking on the link in the noticeboard on the school website, using the QR code or clicking here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/health-54182329>



In addition Public Health Cumbria have issued the following flow chart to help parents ascertain whether it is possibly Covid that their child has:



The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful. There is a link with further details in the 'News & Events>Covid Alerts' section on our web site or by following the QR code or by clicking here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51048366>



Lateral flow tests are available for asymptomatic testing for yourselves or other adult family members, these are not advised for Primary aged children. These are available by post from Gov.uk, some pharmacies or from Allerdale house.

If you suspect you or any member of your family **including children** have Covid then you should go for a PCR test.

Arranging a Test

Testing can be arranged via the national portal: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>



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Flu Vaccines

Children who had forms returned had their nasal flu vaccines in the week before half term. The whole session ran extremely smoothly and everyone was so proud of the way the pupils took their vaccinations without any fuss.



A couple of years ago it took a whole day to do the whole school, last year it took until lunchtime and this year until playtime! Amazing!

The school nurses were extremely impressed with the behaviour and attitude of our children and even took the time afterwards to write to us to say how very much impressed they were!

Thank you to all who supported their children in taking the vaccine. This should hopefully help with less blurring of flu and Covid symptoms as well as protecting other more vulnerable family members from flu being spread by children.

Parents of younger children may like to know that children aged 2 upwards and also in Nursery can receive their free vaccination through their GP or Pharmacies. **Harrington Pharmacy offers this service and is very handy for school.**

Flu vaccinations for adults are also available on request at Pharmacies or large supermarkets for an average £10 fee.



Winter, Covid Guidance & Heating

The current Government guidance to schools is very clear that they should be well ventilated and have windows open to ensure a free flow of air. There are of course some issues that arise from this guidance once the air temperature outside falls.

Firstly, the school will naturally be colder than normal so it is perhaps prudent for your child to wear a vest or T-shirt under their usual uniform. We are allowing children to wear navy fleeces on top of their uniform in class for added warmth if needed. Fleeces with a school logo on can be ordered here:



<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/beckstone-primary-school.html>

or by following the QR code



They cost between £15 and £20 depending on the size.

Scooters



The school 'won' a scooter park in a draw involving all schools who take part in 'feet first' and actively encourage children to walk to school. As a result a mushroom shaped scooter park was delivered to site. This has been installed and the school has invested in 12 scooters for the use of KS1. These are timetabled in and are used to improve balance

and encourage children to exercise outdoors. They are also handy as rewards for those who have worked hard!

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Halloween

The last Friday of half term, was a Halloween, spooky themed day. The costumes were amazing and everyone including staff all went to great lengths to dress up.

The children got the chance to see each other's costumes in assembly, they had Halloween parties, a Halloween themed lunch and many other activities. A spooky day was had by all.

We will be adding some photos into the film and photo gallery on the website, you may have seen some photos already on Tapestry and Seesaw and can see what a well-supported day it was. Here are some Y2 party people below:



Staff/Class Changes



From returning to school Mrs Cunningham will move to 1AB making this class 1AB/AC and Mrs Moore will move the other way to 5DP making this class 5DP/KM. Classes were informed in assembly on the last day.

Donations Needed

In addition to the wellies mentioned earlier in this newsletter, the school would very much welcome any of the following;

- Games, puzzles and jigsaws
- Construction Equipment e.g. K'Nex,

- Meccano or Lego
- Railway or road sets especially Thomas the Tank Engine
- Bikes and Trikes for Nursery & Reception
- Good quality books
- Comics/games for wet playtimes

Thank you in advance for any donations.



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2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Beckstone Primary School at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we will be really grateful for your donations that will enrich your child's experiences at school.

Thank you for your support.

Safeguarding/Child Protection

Full details on the county's policies, procedures and processes with regard to safeguarding plus analysis of outcomes of serious case reviews can be accessed through the Cumbria LSCB website at www.cumbrialscb.com the site also has a parental information zone.

In addition to the above the school has a 'Safeguarding Zone' on its website which contains the above link as well as relevant school policies, further information and a diagram showing how we keep your child safe in school. It is well worth a look.

Sharing information is in the best interests of children and their safeguarding. The school reserves the right to share and receive information from other agencies that may have had dealings with your child.

If you ever have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, then you can ring your concerns through to the County's 24 hour 'Safeguarding Hub' number and you can remain anonymous if you wish. Callers can outline their concerns and the Safeguarding Hub will give advice (consultation) and if necessary undertake an assessment of need.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.



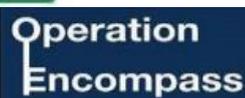
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There is now also an adult NSPCC helpline where any concerned adult can seek advice if they are concerned about a child and would like

advice on whether to make a referral. The number to call is



0808 800 5000



Domestic Violence

Debbie Cook, our Educational Support Manager has trained to be a 'Domestic Violence Champion' and is a resource available to any adult who would like to confidentially share incidents with her and is a very good source of advice. Just contact the School Office to get in touch with her.

Domestic violence is on the increase and causes terrible harm to victims and the associated children.

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure it is eradicated. We are working closely with the Police and the school will learn of any incidents to support any children whose lives are affected by such an occurrence.



REVISE WISE CLUBS

Revisewise

Free revision classes for **Year 6 children** take place weekly on Wednesday and a Thursday from 8.20 to 8.50am. Please encourage your children to attend as it has proved to impact on their outcomes in Year 6. Children need to queue at the back gate for entry from 8.15am.

All Year 6 children should be attending

For all the family

Messy Church

MESSY MARY'S IS BACK!

Saturday

November 20th 2021

4pm - 6pm

In St Mary's on the Hill Church Hall

Come and join us for church with a difference
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For more info contact: **The Rev. Julia Powley on 01946 830215**

Advertisements

If you run a business or know of someone who does (even baby-sitting services) then please do get in touch with the School Office. An advert costs £5 a month, goes to at least 500 local households (parents, staff etc.) and also provides much needed funds for the school. Adverts are subject to the approval of the Governing Body.



Coats

We are now asking all children to wear their coats at lunchtimes and playtimes over the winter months. Please ensure they come to school with a coat and **one that has their name in** – thanks!



School coats which are fully waterproof and have a hood and reflective strips are available online from Border Embroideries.

<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/beckstone-primary-school.html>

Reading



As a reward for those reading at least 5 times a week at home they become eligible to be part of the fortnightly 'Strive for Five' draw. Each year group winner will receive a book and chocolate for the parent(s) who have supported at home. Please use this as an incentive to read regularly with your child ☺
A recent Y6 winner, Billy is pictured above.



Reading with Your Child



We want to promote 'Share a book every day' with children at home with their family and friends.

Sharing books with children is fun, it can be a time for closeness, laughing and talking

together and it can also help your child to become a lifelong reader and have a love of books.

There is no right or wrong way of doing it and it is never too early to start reading to your child

Tips for sharing a book

- Try and find somewhere away from noise and television and make sure you are not using your mobile phone
- Make sure you take time to look and talk about the pictures on the pages
- If your baby chews books to start with, it doesn't matter. They will soon enjoy helping you to turn the pages
- The use of sound effects for example animal noises will help to bring the story to life and make you both laugh
- Encourage family members such as siblings to join in and share a book with your child
- For older children, ask some questions when reading together, for example; what can you see on this page? How do you think Goldilocks felt when she saw the bears? What do you think is going to happen next?
- As your child's language develops encourage your child to tell the story. They

can read the pictures to you and talk about what's happening on the page

- If you think you are not a brilliant reader it doesn't matter because just hearing and listening to your voice is comforting for your child.

How to read aloud to older children

1. Keep it fun

Reading shouldn't be a chore! When children's experiences are pleasant they are more likely to develop a life-long love of reading

2. Read with energy

Use lots of energy! Using facial expressions and emotion: different voices for different characters; and varying the tempo and volume that you read with will help to create an immersive storytelling experience your children will love.

3. Ask questions

Asking questions as you read can improve understanding and get the child to be an active participant in the reading experience

4. Explain as you go

Explaining what is happening on the pages and allowing time to talk about it as you go through the book can deepen your child's understanding and expand their vocabulary

5. Point out words

Pointing out words can really help younger children when it comes to learning to read. Scanning from left to right, as well as showing what a letter and a word is, has been shown to help develop advanced reading skills.

6. Look at the pictures/illustrations in the book

Talking about the pictures in the book is just as important as reading the words

7. Get them to read along with you

This would work especially well with your favourite rhyming books that you have read so many times with them that they can remember parts

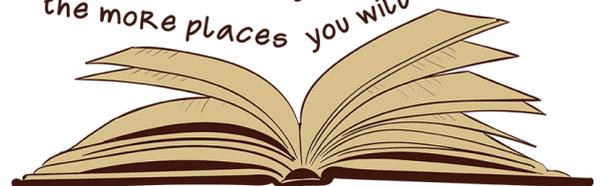
8. Reread the same book

This is linked to the above point as it will give them the confidence to join in and helps build fluency and a better understanding of rhythm and language

9. Encourage the child to retell the story to you

When they are confident with the story see if they can recite parts of it to you or someone else on their own. This will improve their confidence and help develop their memory and speaking skills.

The more you
READ,
the more things
you will KNOW,
the more you
LEARN
the more places you will GO



Extreme Weather/Heating Emergencies

With winter here it is to be hoped that cold weather is not serious, and that the heating system works effectively. If this happens not to be the case and the school is forced to close, then the following will be sources of information;



- ⌚ A text message will be sent to all parents (*it is of vital importance we have an up to date mobile number contacts for every child*)
- ⌚ The County Council website carries information on schools that are closed
- ⌚ CFM and Radio Cumbria will be informed, and closure details will be included in their broadcasts
- ⌚ The school website will be updated underneath the 'Weather Warnings' link

Nursery Intakes

Children born between **1 September 2018** and **31 December 2018** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **January 2022**.

Children born between **1 January 2019** and **31 March 2019** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week Nursery education from **April 2022**.

Children born between **1 April 2019** and **31 August 2019** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **September 2022**.

If you know of any children with birth dates between these times and would like their child to come to this school, then please ask them to get in touch with the School Office as soon as possible.

Forms for applying for any of these intakes can be downloaded from the Cumbria County Council website <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp> (or use the QR code) ring the School Office and we can post them out. When returning the form we need to see the Birth Certificate and a proof of address



Beckstone's Extended Services



Our extended services include the Breakfast Club (£4.00 from 7.30am, £3.50 from 8am) Last entry is at

8.30am; Educare (our popular afternoon child care provision for morning Nursery children – see table at the top of the next page – please note these places **MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE**) with pick up times at 2.15pm and 3.15pm Please note that unfortunately we are unable to offer facilities for packed lunches for Nursery children.

Beckstone Xtra (again £3.50 an hour) runs from the end of the school day until 5.15pm with an earlier pick up time of 4.15pm if required. Beckstone Xtra is available from 3.15 to 5.15pm for anyone who books in advance via bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk or simply use the QR code.



The prices for our extended services are extremely competitive to support families in these difficult economic times.



The price per hour is only £3.50. This is very good value and an extremely competitive rate for child care.



30 HOURS ENTITLEMENT

Sessions will run from:

11:50 a.m. — 2:15 p.m. (2 hours)

11:50 a.m. — 3:15 p.m. (3 hours)

A charge of **£1.70 per day** will be required to cover the cost of a school dinner and midday care.

Payment can be made in cash in a named envelope or by Computershare or Edenred Childcare Vouchers.

Please contact the office to book Educare or for further details.

NON-ENTITLEMENT

Sessions will run from:

11:50 a.m. — 2:15 p.m. = **£10.20** (including lunch)

11:50 a.m. — 3:15 p.m. = **£13.70** (including lunch)

Payment can be made in cash in a named envelope or by Computershare or Edenred Childcare Vouchers.

Please contact the office to book Educare or for further details.

Please note 30 hour Scheme can be used in Breakfast Club and Beckstone Xtra.

DO YOU LIVE IN OR AROUND WORKINGTON?

DO YOU HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN?

LOOKING FOR A NURSERY SETTING?

30 HRS FREE CHILDCARE FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

 Beckstone Primary 01946 830423	 Distington Community School 01946 830526	 St Mary's Catholic Primary School 01946 830433	 Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery 01900 601233
 St Gregory's Catholic Primary 01900 606050	 Westfield Nursery & Primary 01900 874000	 Seaton Academy 01900 66982	 St Michael's Nursery & Infant 01900 608111

THE SCHOOLS ABOVE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE A PRE-VISIT WITH YOU, TELL YOU MORE ABOUT THE SERVICES THEY OFFER OR ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS!

THIS ADVERT HAS BEEN PLACED THROUGH THE WORKINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOLS CONSORTIUM

Swimming

Swimming this year will focus on UKS2 with Year 6 swimming this term and Year 5 in the Spring. The sessions will be an intensive one week of one hour sessions with an aim to get all children being able to swim 25m before the week is out (the minimum National Curriculum expectation).



This half term's class is:

6JM: Week beginning 15th November

Children will need a bag, a towel, appropriate swimwear and a hair brush or comb. Time is tight and the children will not have time for any 'beauty' treatments before returning to school on the bus!

Please can all note that **swimming is statutory and all should take part unless medical advice states otherwise.** There is no better sport for overall health than swimming. It's great for your heart and circulation, provides natural, low-impact resistance for building muscle and as it challenges your body it will help release endorphins - your body's natural pain and stress fighters which can fight off infection and also make you feel happy.



Cinema Nights

These take place each half term. The ones planned for this half term take place in the second week of December. This can provide a time to go Christmas shopping without the children! Further details will go out in the near future. The cost for each night is £6, which will be payable on ParentPay. The cost includes care and copious refreshments.



Free Gardening Equipment from Morrisons

The Morrisons 'Grow Token' initiative has now closed. Thank you to the 46 of you who donated tokens. We managed to receive donations of just over 1,500 tokens and can spend these in November. They should allow us to get some additional equipment for the gardening club that will resume in the Spring.



Social Media

Despite pleas and the issue of Social Media by minors being taken very seriously by Governors we learnt of a Y6 WhatsApp group. These groups can cause upset when being used at such a young age and children can type things out of context and without thinking that can cause upset and also could haunt them in later life as once posted the messages are always there.

Please note: **Social media sites have a legal MINIMUM age for a reason, children's brains are not mature enough to understand texts out of context or share things that are inappropriate.**

The minimum ages are shown at the top of the next page:



APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

13+		16+	
Facebook	Snapchat	WhatsApp	
Instagram	Twitter		
TikTok	Kik	17+	18+
YouNow	Yubo	Sarahah	MeetMe
House Party	Monkey	YOLO	LiveMe

We strongly urge you not to let your children use these sites.

There is a parental guidance video presented by our own Ms Gorman on our web site which is well worth a watch. It is in the 'Parent Info' zone or follow the QR code.



Please protect their childhood and innocence. Please blame the school and if they say "Everyone is on them" then that is certainly not true! Tell them to say that to Mr Warbrick!!

On a similar theme we know that a number of our children have either watched 'Squid Game' or played some of the games via 'Roblox'. The end result was children playing the 'red light, green light' game and imitating shooting others and being shot. Clearly this is not appropriate and it also upset some children whilst others became curious and we understand then watched/played themselves. It is incumbent on parents to check what their children are viewing as seemingly there is a lack of understanding of the distress and mental scarring accessing unsuitable material has.

School Funds

HELP! We need donations to this fund as funds are really REALLY tight. The school fund is purely donation based and is used to buy many consumable items and fun activities outside the remit of the school budget for the pupils as well as many other things for school that enable us to provide services free of charge.



Please have a ratch down the sofa or anywhere to find some spare money to donate to the school to support all the children.

Please help if you can by donating to this fund.



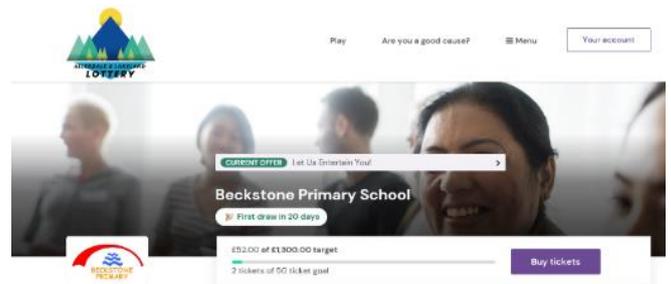
Now we have the ParentPay system we can offer the



facility for families to make an automatic School Fund donation on a monthly basis, from their bank account even £2 per month would cumulate to a great fund to support activities in school. If you would like to support the school in this way please contact the School Office for further details on how to set this up or, if you would rather, for direct debit details.

Allerdale Lottery

Allerdale's lottery is now live with a monthly draw. The top prize is £25,000 and it costs £1 a ticket. If you are going to play and you buy your ticket through our own Beckstone Primary Page then the school will receive **50p** for every ticket sold through our part of the site going forward. You can play once or pay by direct debit which costs £4.34 a month for one ticket in every weekly draw.



There are a number of ways of winning. We have over 60 players assigned to our school and many have already won prizes!! For more information and to play through our page please go to: <https://www.allerdalelottery.com/support/beckstone-primary-school> or use the QR code:

Please share this link with friends and family.

Facebook



The school has a live Facebook page – it is called "Beckstone Primary School (Official Facebook Group)", you should be able to search for the group or you can use this address or QR code.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1922762928000636>
The top of the Facebook page should look like the image above...there appears to be other sites with the school name on but these are not official:

We have created this page to let you know when our school website is updated and to send messages. It is for information only and doesn't accept comments.

If you are a Facebook user and would like to receive news feeds and updates about the school, then don't forget to 'join' the group and select the "see first" button. The Facebook page has open access and will also contain links to updates on our website and messages from school – there is no facility to message school, please use other methods. As a result, any photos etc. will only appear from our website following clicking on a link. It is hoped this will dissuade children who are under 13 using Facebook but will allow adults to receive updates about the school.

Indeed, please note no children should have Facebook accounts under the age of 13 and applications to join the group will be refused/accounts will be deleted.

QR Codes



QR stands for 'quick response'. QR Codes, if you don't know, are those funny black and white boxes you see in newspapers and magazines such as the image alongside. These are placed within this newsletter at

relevant points to give you quick access to websites mentioned. All you have to do is install a free QR code reader to your phone/tablet, just search the App/Play

Store using 'QR', and simply scan the code or you can just use your camera with more modern phones.



Harvest

Firstly 'Thank You' for all the donations to our Harvest Appeal. There was a great response and all donations were passed on to the Foodbank who were very grateful and impressed at the response from our school community.

Secondly the children of Key Stage 1 became the first children to perform publicly since the start of the Pandemic. They performed their Harvest service Celebration for parents at the Church and there was a wonderful turn out of parents. The children were in great voice and it was an uplifting experience.



Foodbank Donations

Recent events have shown that the school can be a focal point for supporting some of our more vulnerable school families. Donations continue to be very much welcome and there is a collection bin in the green shelter at the top of the school hill.



To support this initiative please think of our more vulnerable community members and buy some non-perishable food items you think would help feed children and donate regularly.



Reg Charity No 1067541

Shopping List

Please help local people in crisis by buying items from the list below and giving them to the North Lakes Foodbank

Thank you!

- * Milk (Full Fat or Semi- Skimmed UHT)
- * Fruit Juice (1 ltr carton UHT)
- * Pasta Sauces (jars or sachets)
- * Biscuits or snack bars
- * Cereals (Medium sized boxes)
- * Tinned Meat
- * Tomatoes (Tinned or Carton)
- * Tinned Fish
- * Tinned Fruit
- * Tinned Vegetables
- * Soup (Tinned no Cuppa Soup)
- * Rice Pudding (Tinned)
- * Instant Mash Potato
- * Sponge Pudding (Tinned)
- * Sugar
- * Jam
- * Pasta (Medium bags of dried pasta. No sachets of 'pasta & sauce' mixes)
- * Tea Bags/Instant coffee (Med)



No Low Calorie Foods

Homework

This is set weekly on Seesaw and Tapestry. Please encourage your child to complete it as it will help them with their studies. Strangely it has been noted that some parents are completing their children's homework, this is not helpful to the child or indeed the teacher who then thinks the pupil has understood a concept when they haven't!!





Governors' Board

Governor Gallery

 From Nick Whitehead To 20.03.19 20.03.22 Chair & Parent	 From Vicki Martin To 21.5.19 21.5.23 Vice Chair & Parent	 From Kate Mahone To 21.05.19 21.05.23 Parent
 From Local Authority To 19.10.21 19.10.25	 From Hayley Gorman To 12.07.21 12.07.25 Staff	 From Jude Yoxall To 29.01.19 29.01.23 Co-opted & Deputy Head
 From Kate Pearson To 12.07.21 12.07.25 Co-opted		 From Nichola Rosser To N/A N/A Clerk
VACANCY Co-opted	VACANCY Co-opted	 From David Warbrick To N/A N/A Headteacher
 From Laurie Black To 19.10.21 19.10.25 Parent	 From Lesley Robertson To 20.01.19 20.01.23 Co-opted	 From Philippa Vaughan To N/A N/A Staffing & Finance Associate

Summary of AGM on 19th October

- ☞ Mr Nick Whitehead elected Chair
- ☞ The Governors discussed possible co-options with a view to Salterbeck representation and someone with a financial qualification.
- ☞ The Governors thanked Donna Hawley for her service for 4 years as a parent Governor.
- ☞ The Governors welcomed Laurie Black as a new parent Governor.
- ☞ The Governors discussed the way forward with the school's '5 Year Vision' and have developed a strategy linked to the school's mission...'*Building Bridges...Promoting Learning & Excellence...Shaping the Future*'. The development of action plans for these areas will be the focus of meetings for the rest of the year.
- ☞ The training strategy and available courses for Governors to enhance effectiveness was discussed.
- ☞ The Governors' zone on the web site was also analysed,
- ☞ The 'Annual School Review' that comments on school performance was discussed.
- ☞ The current school roll of 357 was noted as was the average attendance rate of 94% and 0 exclusions. It was noted that the school's attendance remains high despite high Covid levels in the locality.
- ☞ The minutes of the latest Health and Safety Meeting were discussed.
- ☞ Budgetary pressures were also detailed and the increases in National Insurance, the shortfall in Covid compensation and price increases are putting immense pressure on the 3 year budget plan.
- ☞ The following updated policies were agreed: Staff Wellbeing, Exclusion & Behaviour.
- ☞ The 2020-21 Yearbook was noted
- ☞ The next meeting is on the 7th December 21 and will be preceded by a Staffing & Finance Committee meeting.

Current Governors

The infographic above shows our current Governors. There are still some vacancies that will be reviewed at the next meeting in December. Further information on our Governing Body is available on our web site in the Governors' zone.

Parent Governor Election



Thank you to all who voted in the recent parent Governor election. We hope you found the election format useful, it worked well at the school end a similar electronic voting system will be used next time there is a parental Governor vacancy. The successful candidate in a close election was Laurie Black who is pictured here





Non-Uniform Days

- Pupils are asked to come in a coloured T shirt or shirt this Friday (5th) for the Children in Need dance – please see page 3 for details
- There is a non-uniform day to mark 'Children in Need' on Friday 19th November. Pudsey badges or donations will be donated to this cause but it is all voluntary.
- The final non-uniform day of 2021 will be free & on the Christmas Party Day on Wednesday 15th December.



High Harrington Community Centre

The Community Centre is in

Crooklands, High Harrington and is colloquially known as the 'Green Hut'. It is a very competitively priced and useful resource for all in the community to use.

To hire this facility for any event once Covid restrictions are lifted for gatherings indoors then please contact Marjorie Rae on 01946 831004. The venue can be used for children or adult parties, meetings etc. and hire rates are very reasonable indeed once these are allowed. If you do hire this venue, please let Marjorie know you read about it in this newsletter.

The Ladies Club which runs every Tuesday from 1.30 to 3.45pm. A great opportunity to get to know new people and make new friends.

Ladies Club

Tuesday
from 1.30 to 3.45pm at High
Harrington Community
Centre.



All ages are welcome to attend.

"A great opportunity to get to know new people and make new friends"

Amazon Smile



Apologies for those that have tried to support us using Amazon Smile. Whilst the school registered with Amazon the account for the school does not go live until we have sent bank details and a scan of a statement. We missed that step and that should all be put right now. As a result please do try and support us in this way, particularly when using Amazon in the run up to Christmas.



To support us you would need to download the Amazon Smile app. Then if you order as normal from Amazon via the Amazon Smile app then Amazon will donate money to the school if you select Beckstone Primary School PTA & Friends from their Charity list. Please support this if you can.



We have news!

Ms Gorman gave birth to a baby daughter called Eden Olivia on the 19th October. Many congratulations to her and her partner Chris on their new family. The new arrival is pictured below:



Not long after on the 25th October we then heard that Ms Maskew had given birth to a son, Chester Samuel. Again congratulations to her and her partner Tony on their new family. Their new arrival is pictured below:



Term Dates until Summer 2023

	Autumn 2021	Spring 2022	Summer 2022	Autumn 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023
						
Start of Term	Thursday 2nd September	Wednesday 5th January	Wednesday 20th April May Day – Mon 2nd May	Wednesday 7th September	Wednesday 4th January	Monday 17th April May Day – Mon 1st
Half Term	Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October	Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February	Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June	Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October	Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February	Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
End of Term	Thursday 16th December	Friday 1st April	Wednesday 20th July	Tuesday 20th December	Friday 31st March	Wednesday 19th July

November

- 1st Nov – Poppies and other Remembrance items on sale
 - Y5&6 High Five Netball competition
- Wed 3rd Nov – Multi Skills after school club starts for 6 weeks
- Thu 4th – Lantern Parade 6pm
- Fri 5th – Children in Need Dance
 - Strive for Five
- Mon 8th – Pudsey badges on sale
 - Y3&4 Forest Skills Day
 - Y3&4 Quicksticks Hockey tournament
- Thu 11th – Remembrance silence
- Sun 14th – School Remembrance Parade
 - Mon 15th - Y3&4 Forest Skills Day
- Tue 16th – Y3&4 Bench ball competition – St Joseph’s
- Week beg. 15th – Intensive swim week 6JM
- Thu 18th – Victorian Christmas Experience at Helena Thompson – 6JM
 - FAB meeting 3.30pm
- Fri 19th – Victorian Christmas Experience at Helena Thompson – 6JM
 - Children in Need Non Uniform day
 - Strive for Five
- Week beg. 22nd – Early Years ‘Come & Play’ week
- Fri 26th – Takeover Morning
- Tue 30th – Reception Whinlatter Trip

December

- Thu 2nd & Fri 3rd – Class circuits sessions
- Fri 3rd – Strive for Five
- Tue 7th – Nursery Nativity 9.30am
 - KS2 Boccia competition
 - Staffing & Finance Committee 5pm
 - Governors 6pm
- Wed 8th – Reception Nativity 9.30am
 - YR & KS1 Cinema Night
- Thu 9th – Christmas Dinner Day
 - KS2 Cinema Night
- Fri 10th – NISCU Puppets visiting
- Mon 13th – Y5&6 Carol Service 2pm
- Tue 14th – Y3&4 Carol Service 2pm
- Wed 15th – Christmas Party Day & Party Clothes
- Thu 16th – Possibly Community Carol Singing in the Square 10.30am
 - Christmas Raffle & Strive for Five Draw

Dates in 2022

- Wed 5th Jan – Children start back
- Mon 10th Jan – Y5&6 Dodgeball competition
- Tue 18th Jan – Y1&2 Dodgeball competition
- Fri 28th Jan – Beauty & the Beast – M&M Prodn
- Tue 1st Feb – Curriculum & Pupil Committee & Governors
- Mon 7th Feb – KS1 & R Cinema Night
- Tue 8th Feb – Young Voices Trip to Manchester
 - Dodgeball competition
- Wed 9th Feb – KS2 Cinema Night
- Thu 10th & Fri 11th – Circuits Days
- Fri 11th Feb – Break up for half term
- Tue 22nd & Wed 23rd Feb – Parents’ Evenings
- Tue 22nd Feb - Table Tennis competition
- Mon 28th Feb – Y1&2 Multi Skills tournament
- Tue 1st March – Pancake day
 - Ducks eggs arrive
- Thu 3rd March – World Book Day
- Week beg. 7th Mar – Intensive swim week for 5LJ
- Thu 24th & Fri 25th Mar – Circuits Days
- Fri 11th March – Ducks leave
- Week beg. 14th Mar – Intensive swim week for 5DP
- Tue 15th & Wed 16th – United Utilities visiting Y5&6
- Fri 18th – Comic Relief/Red Nose Day
- Mon 21st Mar – Y3&4 Dodgeball competition
 - KS1 & R Cinema Night
- Tue 22nd Mar – Governors
- Wed 23rd Mar – KS2 Cinema Night
- Thu 24th & Fri 25th Mar – Class circuits sessions
- Week beg. 28th Mar – Egg & Bonnet Week
- Tue 29th Mar – Y3&4 Football competition
- Friday 1st Apr – Break up for Easter
- Wed 20th Apr – Children Start back
- Thu 28th - Class Photos
- Mon 2nd May – Bank Holiday
- Mon 9th – Thu 12th May – KS1 & KS2 SATs Week**
- Tue 10th May – Y3&4 Rounders competition
- Tue 17th May – Kicky Rounders competition
- Mon 23rd May – KS1 & R Cinema Night
- Wed 25th May – KS2 Cinema Night
- Thu 26th & Fri 27th May – Circuits Days
- Fri 27th May – Break up for half term
- Week beg. Mon 6th Jun – KS1 Phonics Screening Check**
 - **3 week window for Y4 Times Table Check**
- Tue 14th Jun – Reception Multi Skills Festival
- Fri 17th Jun – Y1&2 Kinder cricket competition
- Tue 21st Jun – Y5&6 Football competition
- Thu 23rd & Fri 24th Jun – Circuits Days
- Mon 27th – KS1 & R Cinema Night
- Tue 28th Jun – Y5&6 Cricket Competition
- Wed 29th – KS2 Cinema Night
- Tue 5th Jul – Sports Day
- Wed 6th Jul – Reception Beacon Trip
 - County Finals (fingers crossed for teams there!)
- Thu 7th Jul – Sports Day reserve
- Thu 14th Jul – Y6 Graduation
- Fri 8th Jul – Y1&2 Kinder cricket competition #2
- Tue 12th Jul – Y5&6 Tennis competition
- Wed 13th July – Nursery Beacon trip
- Thu 14th July – Y6 Graduation ceremony
- Fri 15th Jul – Meet new classes
- Mon 18th Jul - Reports Out & Curriculum Evening
- Tue 19th Jul – FUN day
- Wed 20th Jul – Break up for summer

